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24 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE
OFFICE

SUBJECT: Launch of Second CORONA "J" Mission in July

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Chairman, USIB from Dr. McMillan,
dated 21 July 1964

1. This letter responds to your inquiry in reference on whether the launch of Mission 1009-J should occur on or about 28 July or should be delayed to permit incorporation of programming changes which might result from further readout of recent missions.

2. The Board requests that 1009 be delayed until we can assess the results of 1008. The earliest date at which this can be accomplished is 1 August. It is also understood that 4010 would have had to be delayed beyond 31 July if 1009 had been launched. Since such delay would not now be necessary, it is requested that Mission 4010 be launched as soon as possible.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of John A. McCone.
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In view of recent CORONA experience (six successful recoveries since 1 June), is the launch of this mission on or about 28 July desired, or should it be delayed to permit incorporation of programming changes which might result from further readout of recent missions?

(S) National Reconnaissance Office

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